

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

KENNETH COOPER,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civ. No. 24-504 LF/GJF

CITY OF GALLUP, a New Mexico Municipality,
JM DEYOUNG, LOUIE BONAGUIDI,
and MICHAEL SCHAAF,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING IN PART MOTION TO WITHDRAW

THIS MATTER is before the Court on David R. Jordan's Motion to Withdraw [ECF 26] ("the Motion"). In the Motion, Mr. Jordan moves to withdraw on the basis that he has been suspended by the New Mexico State Bar. *Id.* Mr. Jordan further requests that the "case be stayed for a reasonable time to permit his client to obtain alternate counsel." *Id.* Having reviewed the motion and the grounds therefore, the Court FINDS that insofar as Mr. Jordan seeks to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff the motion is well-taken and will be GRANTED. Based on this withdrawal, the Court will give Plaintiff 45 days to retain new counsel or to file a notice indicating that he will proceed *pro se*. To the extent the Motion requests a stay of proceedings, Defendants may, within seven days, file a notice explaining whether they object to such a stay during that 45-day period.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that David R. Jordan is **WITHDRAWN** as counsel for Plaintiff.

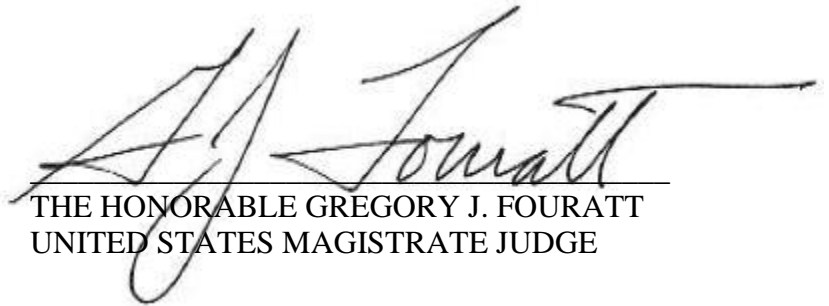
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall have until **December 30, 2024**, to obtain counsel or to file a notice that he will proceed *pro se*. If no entry of appearance is filed on Plaintiff's behalf by December 30, 2024, Plaintiff will be deemed to be proceeding *pro se*.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by **November 21, 2024**, Defendants shall file a notice explaining whether they object to a stay of the case, including the deadline for Plaintiff to respond to Defendants' Motion to Dismiss [ECF 19], until December 30, 2024.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that the Clerk's Office is directed to mail both this Order and Mr. Jordan's Motion to Withdraw [ECF 26] to Plaintiff at the following address:

Kenneth Cooper
P.O. Box 572
Fort Defiance, AZ 86504

SO ORDERED.



THE HONORABLE GREGORY J. FOURATT
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE